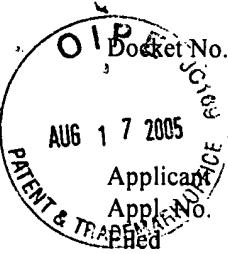


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Responsive to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed July 18, 2005,  
entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully  
requested.

Amendments to the specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.